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REF: ABC GUIDE TO INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

1. CURRENCY IMPORT RESTRICTIONS FOR MALAWI REFERENCED

PUBLICATION READS:

QUOTE: IMPORT: LOCAL UP TO MWK 20. FOREIGN NO LIMIT BUT AMOUNTS
MUST BE DECLARED TO CUSTOMS ON ARRIVAL AND ONLY EXCHANGED THROUGH
AN AUTHORIZED BANK. UNQUOTE.

GUIDE FOR TOURISTS PUBLISHED BY MALAWI MINISTRY OF TOURISM READS
IN PART:

QUOTE: TRAVELLERS' CHEQUES: TRAVELLERS' CHEQUES IN DOLLARS,
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STERLING AND OTHER ACCEPTABLE CURRENCIES ARE FREELY CONVERTIBLE

AT BANKS THROUGHOUT MALAWI. HOTELS ALSO ACCEPT THEM. NO LIMIT ON AMOUNT BROUGHT IN PROVIDED DECLARED UPON ENTRY.

2. IMPORT/EXPORT: VISITORS ARE NOT RESTRICTED IN THE AMOUNT OF FOREIGN CURRENCY NOTES THAT THEY MAY BRING INTO MALAWI. IF IT IS THEIR INTENTION SUBSEQUENTLY TO EXPORT THIS FOREIGN CURRENCY WHEN THEY LEAVE THE COUNTRY, THEY MUST ON ARRIVAL IN MALAWI DECLARE THE TYPE AND TOTAL VALUE OF THE FOREIGN NOTES THEY POSSESS AND OBTAIN A CUSTOMS CERTIFICATE IN CONFIRMATION, OTHERWISE ON LEAVING MALAWI THEY WILL BE RESTRICTED IN THE AMOUNT OF FOREIGN CURRENCY NOTES THEY MAY EXPORT TO THE EQUIVALENT OF MALAWI K20.00. VISITORS MAY NOT IMPORT OR EXPORT MALAWI CURRENCY NOTES IN EXCESS OF K20.00. IN THE LATTER CONNECTION, VISITORS ARE ADVISED TO KEEP THE AMOUNT OF MALAWI MONEY THEY EXPORT TO THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM, AS IT IS NOT CONVERTIBLE ABROAD. UNQUOTE.

3. CUSTOMS OFFICERS WHEN INTERVIEWEING ARRIVALS ARE REQUIRED TO ASK EACH TRAVELER TO DECLARE AMOUNTS AND TYPES FUNDS BEING BROUGHT INTO MALAWI. TRAVELER IS THEN SUPPOSED TO BE GIVEN A DECLARATION FORM ON WHICH AMOUNTS ARE RECORDED AND STAMPED BY MALAWI CUSTOMS.

EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT FROM TIME TO TIME REQUIRED DECLARATION FORM IS NOT GIVEN TO TRAVELER BY MALAWI CUSTOMS. ALL TRAVELERS TO MALAWI ARE THEREFORE REMINDED TO ASK FOR A CURRENCY DECLARATION FORM AT TIME OF ENTRY TO ELIMINATE POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES UPON DEPARTURE.

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